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FROM : Anembassy HELSEKI

DATE: November 4,, 1962

SUBJECT: Motivation for Official Finnish Objection to Cuba Quarantine

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(Handwritten note: All)
 told our Press attache last night that the main reason for the Finnish government statement of October 27 that the U. S. quarantine of Cuba is contrary to international law was a desire to go on record with this view in case the USSR were to establish a similar quarantine in the Baltic at some future time. reasoned that should the Soviets take such action Finland would then be in a better position to object in the same way it has done with regard to the Cuban quarantine. the earlier Swedish action regarding the Cuban quarantine was of lesser importance in motivating the Finnish statement. did not reveal his source but he spoke in a way indicating he is confident of the correctness of his information.

While this is an idea that might appeal to many Finns and one that apologists can use in an effort to show that their Government's statement regarding the Cuban quarantine was not really directed against us, it does not seem likely that it could have had an important bearing on the Finnish Government's action. If this thought had been an important consideration behind the Finnish statement regarding the Cuban quarantine, I feel sure that JAKOBSON would have mentioned it to me.

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